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## Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks News Release

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### Fire Update

The Windy Peak Fire, first detected on August 23, is a lightning-caused fire north of the Middle Fork of the Kings River near Simpson Meadow in Kings Canyon National Park. It has grown to 620 acres and is 30% contained.

Fire crews are holding this fire north of the Kings River and along an avalanche chute to the west. Firefighters may conduct burnouts along the north and east flanks of this fire as conditions permit to help secure the active north-east flank. There are currently no threats to life or property.

This wilderness fire is in a remote location and will not affect visitors to popular park destinations. Backpackers in this area should expect smoke from this fire lifting up and to the east during the day and settling into valleys during the night.

Visit <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3705/#> for more information.

The Chagoopa Fire, near the Chagoopa Plateau in Sequoia National Park, is estimated to be 20 acres and is not showing any significant growth. Firefighters are holding the fire growth along the Kern River.

The High Sierra Trail has re-opened between Sky Parlor Meadow and Upper Funston Meadow. It was closed temporarily because of the Chagoopa Fire. Hikers should use caution in this area. Please stay on the trail and watch for rolling debris and fire-weakened trees.

The Fish Fire, located on the Sequoia National Forest south of the parks, has grown to approximately 2,000 acres. Smoke from this fire is drifting into Sequoia National Park, especially along the Kern River drainage. Visit <http://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/3701/> for more information about this fire.

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